

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: KIKUO MAEDA ET AL. )  
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For: THIN FILM FORMING APPARATUS ) Examiner: Crowell, Anna M  
AND THIN FILM FORMING METHOD ) Confirmation No. 4282  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Via EFS  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 6, 2008, Applicant submits the following response.